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1. DURING TALK WITH MINSTATE DR. BAHA AL-DIN IDRIS JAN 18, HE COMMENTEDEXPANSIVELY THAT GOS WISHED PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASSURING IMPROVEMENT OFUSG RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES. ARABS HAD IN PAST ON OCCASION ACTED AGAINST US BUT IDRIS THOUGH THIS HAD BEEN CONTRARY TRUE ARAB INTERESTS. PROBLEMS FACING WORLD TODAY SHOULD NOT BE THOSE WHICH SET GOVERNMENT AGAINST GOVERNMENT BUT RATHER THOSE ON WHICH GLOBAL COOPERATION IMPERATIVE, SUCH AS ENERGY, POVERTY, OVER-POPULATION.

2. I SAID I WELCOMED IDRIS' STATEMENT WHICH I KNEW REFLECTED USG VIEWS. I THEN ADDED, EMPHASIZING THAT I WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THAT ONLY QUESTION I HAD RE THAT POSITIVE EVOLUTION USG/GOS RELATIONS WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS DESIRE RELATED STATUS AND TEMPO PROGRESS JUDICIAL PROCESS HERE AGAINST BSO TERRORISTS. EMPHASIZING THIS WAS MATTER FOR SUDANIS DECIDE, I NEVERTHELESS WISHED AS FRIEND POINT OUT THAT ANNIVERSARY OF ASSASSINATIONS WOULD SOON BE UPON US. AMERICAN MEDIA COULD THEN BE EXPECTED PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION STATUS BSO CASE. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. IDRIS SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. WHILE TOP GOS EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES NORMALLY DID NOT INTERVENE IN SUCH JUDICIAL MATTERS, "THER ARE WAYS" IN WHICH THE AUTHORITIES CAN MOVE TO ACCELERATE THE HANDLING OF THIS

CASE.

4. COMMENT: TALK OCCURRED AS PRELIMINARY ANOTHER
PRIVATE MEETING WHICH IDRIS SAID PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WISHED
HAVE WITH ME SHORTLY. IN CONTEXT EVIDENCE SUDANESE INTEREST
DEVELOP GREATER CONTACTS WITH USG, ABOVE LOW KEY REMINDER ON
BSO ISSUE WILL HOPEFULLY FALL ON FERTILE SOIL. PROOF OF PUDDING
WILL BE IN THE EATING, BUT IDRIS LEFT ME WITH DISTINCT
IMPRESSION HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT STEPS BE TAKEN SPEED UP
BSO JUDICIAL PROCESS. BREWER

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